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RECORD OF CONVERSATION

Participants: Dr. Lloyd Lauderdale, ADD/S&T
 Leslie C. Dirks, DDS&T/OSP
 [redacted] NPIC Project Officer (NICE GIRL)
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When: 13 November 1967

Where: Headquarters

1. Following a chronology of developments re the value function analysis by [redacted]-including the 9 November message from DIA that the analysis is no longer a responsibility of the DIA/NPIC NICE GIRL team--Dr. Lauderdale indicated, on the basis of his meeting last week with [redacted], that both [redacted] and Dr. Hornig still wanted a value functions analysis cranked into the final evaluation of the two systems. As Dr. Lauderdale put it, [redacted] expects "something to fall out of the woodwork" re value functions analysis as a result of the present activity. Dr. Lauderdale suggested that part of the apparent confusion over the value functions analysis resulted from some misunderstanding of the term "technical evaluation" as used in Project NICE GIRL. [redacted] explained that this "technical evaluation" had nothing to do with the value functions analysis, but was limited to a standard evaluation of the technical characteristics of the sensor products.

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2. Dr. Lauderdale now plans to prod NRO into "taking the stick" re the value functions analysis. He feels that NRO, not DDS&T, NPIC, or Project NICE GIRL, is the logical choice to conduct such an analysis. He indicated further that he would discuss the value functions analysis with [redacted] at their next meeting on 21 November. Meanwhile, he asked [redacted] to get estimates from the contractors of how long it would take them to compile the required technical information and to complete the value functions analysis.

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